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In re Application of: ) A TRANSMISSION FOR  
MICHAEL EHLERS et al ) DRIVING A RADIAL FAN OF  
Serial No. 09/929,577 ) A VEHICULAR COOLING UNIT  
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The EPO document is concerned with a heat exchanger having a header with a port to the header displaced to one side of a fin and tube core.

German '728 shows a compact cooling system made up of a plurality of heat exchangers clustered about a central, radial fan. It appears that the headers of at least some of the heat exchangers in the assembly extend axially away from one end of a corresponding header.

German '050 appears to relate to a connection for a hose or the like to a port on the header of a heat exchanger. The port extends away from the heat exchanger at a point intermediate the ends of the headers and in a direction that is approximately parallel to air flow through the heat exchanger.

German '070 relates to a heat exchanger wherein the port to an upper header appears to be elongated and located near one end thereof and extends, in parallel to the tubes of the heat exchanger core, through a corresponding end of the lower header.

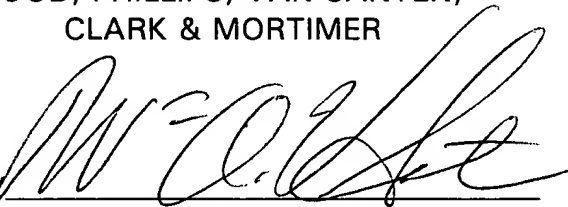
German '234 appears to relate to a heat exchanger having a central manifold or header which directs fluid to adjacent cores in opposite directions, that is, 180° apart. The left-hand core is provided with a return from its leftmost header that extends all the way to the right-hand header. An inlet port is located in the central header or manifold and an outlet port is located in the right-hand header.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider each of the references identified in view of the pending claims in the referenced application, although it is believed that all claims as originally filed delineate over the identified references.

An action on the merits is awaited.

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